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## 15 August 1949

General J. Lawton Collins , USA Chief of Staff United States Army Washington, D. C.

Deer Gegoral:

I am delighted to learn of your appointment by the President to the very important post of Chief of Staff of the Army and hasten to extend my sinceres; congratulations.

With very best wishes and kindest personal repartination believe me,

## Sincerely,

Signed & dispatched 8/15 thru R by nend

R. H. Hillenkoother Rear Admiral, USI Director of Central Intelligence

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"Dear Hilly, hany thanks andeed for your nice note of an appatulations on my recent appointment as Chief of Staff of the Arry. Hope that, in this new capacity, will see a bit more of you than has been the case in the past. Meanwale, please accept my wormer regards, and again many thanks. Paithfully your, s/Joe Collins!